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For: ROBOT HAVING MULTIPLE	)
DEGREES OF FREEDOM	)

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**Assistant Commissioner for Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the subject application as follows:

## In the Claims:

(Amended) [In a] A robotic arm structure providing  $[\theta_{-}, R_{-}]$  and Z-motion which includes  $\theta$  motion and R motion, comprising: at least two links, each having a proximalmost end portion and a distalmost end portion, with the  $\theta$  motion being about a primary axis at the proximal end portion of a proximal most of the links[,] and the R motion proceeding radially from the primary axis [whereby the distal end portion of a distalmost of the links can be moved radially in a straight line[,]; an end effector [having an end effector portion thereof pivotally mounted for rotation relative] attached to the [distal end portion of the] distalmost link and being rotatable about an end effector axis [which is parallel to the primary axis, the arm structure being controlled by electronic computer means controlling the  $\theta$ -, R- and Z- motions, sensor means for sensing the R,  $\theta$ - and Z- motions for creating